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## Lottery funding makes pool a cracker



**Monday 22 December 2003**

The **sportscotland** Lottery Fund is delighted to announce its latest round of awards from the Sports Facilities Programme totalling over £1.5M bringing a touch of festive cheer to communities across Scotland.

Castlemilk Swimming Pool in Glasgow received an award of £550,000 from the Swimming Pool Upgrade Strand which will support the refurbishment of the facility including: the upgrade and repair of the building, refurbishment of the 25m boom and learner pools, a new flume and catch pool, new changing village, health suite, dance studio and reception area.

Castlemilk is an identified social inclusion area and lies south of the River Clyde between Carmunnock and Busby. Back in the 15th century the land was owned by the Stuarts who decided to name it after their castle by the River Mylk. In recent years the area has been injected with funding through a regeneration programme supported by the Glasgow Alliance, the social inclusion and regeneration partnership for Glasgow. The improved facilities at Castlemilk Swimming Pool will be a welcome boost to these efforts and the ongoing improvements to the area, providing the community with a place to come and enjoy physical activity thus improving health and promoting self-esteem.

In 2001 Glasgow City Council was the first local authority to offer free swimming to all residents who are under 18 and over 60. The popular scheme aims to increase participation in sport, improve health and fitness. Castlemilk Swimming Pool also runs a range of after school and weekend classes known as the Learn to Swim Scheme. The extensive programme promotes water awareness, swimming for recreation and competition. The classes are open to everyone from five upwards and once people are confident in the water they can take advantage of the free swimming opportunities.

Councillor John Lynch, Convenor of the Culture and Leisure Committee, said: "This award is a very welcome boost to the City Council's continuing investment in sport and leisure throughout the city. It will be especially welcomed by the people of Castlemilk and the surrounding area."

Frank McAveety MSP, Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport, said: "These latest Lottery Funded awarded underline the Scottish Executive's commitment to increasing opportunities for all. The facilities will provide excellent opportunities for people in our local communities to participate in a range of sporting activities."

Alastair Dempster, Chairman of **sportscotland**, said: "**sportscotland** has a commitment and a vision to make Scotland a great sporting nation – not just in terms of medals, but by increasing participation across all ages and social backgrounds by supporting the development of good quality, accessible facilities across Scotland. Today's announcement of over £1.5M will go some way to helping us achieve that. " I am sure the combination of Lottery Fund support and the enthusiasm and commitment of local sporting groups and organisations will widen the opportunities for communities to be more active, more often and I

wish these projects every success for the future.”

A full list of the awards announced today is following.

### **sportscotland Lottery Fund Sports Facilities Awards December 2003**

#### **Swimming Pool Upgrade Strand**

##### **Glasgow City Council**

Project Title Castlemilk Pool Refurbishment

Award £550,000

Building fabric upgraded and repaired. 25m boom and learner pools refurb. New flume and catch pool. New changing village, health suite, dance studio, toilets, staff and reception areas and ancillary facilities.

##### **The City of Edinburgh Council**

Project Title Glenogle Swim Centre Refurbishment

Award £350,000

Major refurbishment of Victorian pool addressing access, provision of accommodation for special needs users and families. The programme will also seek to maximise space within the building to create an area for other activities.

**2 awards totalling £900,000**

#### **Local Facilities Strand**

##### **North Ayrshire Leisure Ltd, Irvine, North Ayrshire**

Project Title North Ayrshire Skate Park

Award £130,000

Custom-built skate park for use by young people across Ayrshire.

##### **Falkirk Council**

Project Title Bellsmeadow Skate Park

Award £60,000

Community facility providing a state-of-the-art skate park for skaters, boarders, in-line skaters and BMX'ers of all abilities.

##### **West Dunbartonshire Council**

Project Title Pitch Surface Conversion Programme

Award £200,000

Resurfacing of nine existing blaes-covered pitches to grass and improved spectator areas.

##### **Garnock Valley Amateur Boxing Club, Glengarnock, North Ayrshire**

Project Title Garnock Valley Amateur Boxing Club Facility Upgrade

Award £26,147

Rough casting of exterior, fitting of sauna, installation of changing room. Completion of fitting out of the gymnasium and boxing ring.

##### **Dunfermline Tennis and Bridge Club, Dunfermline, Fife**

Project Title All Weather Artificial Clay Courts (Floodlit)

Award £50,000

Three all-weather artificial 'Classic Clay' courts with floodlighting.

##### **Greenhill Golf Company Ltd, Motherwell, North Lanarkshire**

Project Title Greenhill Golf Company Ltd

Award £93,000

Golf complex with 18/9 hole PGA caymen/golf course for families, disabled, older generations and juniors. Driving range and short game facility included. One of the six 'Clubgolf' pilot projects.

##### **Gladiator Programme Ltd**

Project Title Gladiator Outdoor Multi-Sport Facility

Award £63,575

Construction of a outdoor multisports area with synthetic grass surfacing and secure boundary fencing. The project will service participants from within Greater Easter House.

**7 awards totalling £622,722**

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**TOTAL AWARDS £1,522,722**

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